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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN REQUEST FOR SECOND SECTIONS ON FREIGHT
FREQUENCIES

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS AGAIN DISCUSSED PAN AMERICAN REQUEST FOR SECOND SECTIONS ON FREIGHT FREQUENCIES WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DDGCA) DECEMBER 13. DESPITE PROMISES MADE ON DECEMBER 11 THT HE WOULD RESOLVE THE MATTER, DDGCA NOW INFORMS THAT A DECISION MUST AWAIT THE RETURN OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, GENERAL SUAREZ, WHO WILL BE IN BUENOS AIRES UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 16. EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS SECOND SECTIONS CAN BE AUTHORIZED WHEN CARGO TRAFFIC WARRANTS. DDGCA COUNTERED THAT UNDER THE VIASA-PANAM AGREEMENT RESERVING A PALLET SPACE ON PANAM FREIGHT FLIGHTS, SECOND SECTIONS WERE NO LONGER AUTHORIZED. EMBASSY OFFICER ARGUED THAT VIASA-PANAM PALLET AGREEMENT DID NOT ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE MATTER. DDGCA THEN INFORMED THAT AT ANY RATE HE COULD NOT MAKE DECISION, WHICH HE HAD PROMISED AND THE MATTER COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL UPON THE LATTER'S RETURN.

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2. EMBASSY WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL SOONEST AND

WILL LEAVE WRITTEN ARGUEMENTS STATING OUR CASE AND PROTESTING
REJECTION OF PANAM'S EXTRA FREQUENCIES.

3. COMMENT: THE DELAY IN GRANTING ADDITIONAL FREIGHT FLIGHTS IS
CAUSING SERIOUS DELAY IN CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF CHRISTMAS
MERCHANDISE. LOCAL MERCHANTS WHO ARE COMPLAING ABOUT ARE BEING
REFERRED BY PANAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
CIVIL AVIATION.
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